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# SUNCREST EVERGREEN NURSERIES

Growers of Allegheny Evergreens

## WHOLESALE PRICE LIST For FALL 1956 and SPRING 1957

SPECIALIZING IN  
Christmas Tree Planting Stock - Hedges  
Ornamentals - Lining-Out Stock  
Windbreaks - Reforestation

### SUNCREST EVERGREEN NURSERIES

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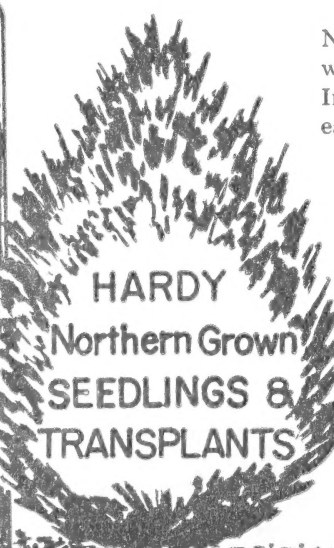
Homer City, Penna.

Nursery located 2 miles  
west of Homer City, Pa.,  
Indiana County, 50 miles  
east of Pittsburgh, Pa.

#### PHONES

Homer City 92800  
Main Office

Homer City 98340  
Managers Residence



HARDY  
Northern Grown  
SEEDLINGS &  
TRANSPLANTS



**VISITORS ARE WELCOME**



# Greetings

As we pass another year we wish to say many thanks to our customers and friends.

Your patronage in the past has been deeply appreciated and you are always welcome to visit us any time.

We look forward with pleasure to the opportunity of serving you in the future.

Sincerely,

R. M. Souders and J. J. Souders, Owners  
SUNCREST EVERGREEN NURSERIES

## WE INCORPORATE PLANTING GUIDE WITH PRICE LIST

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THIS PRICE LIST CANCELS ALL OTHER LISTS

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### REFERENCES

Moxham National Bank, Johnstown, Pa.  
Homer City State Bank, Homer City, Pa.  
Dun & Bradstreet, Inc.

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### MEMBERS

Pennsylvania Nurserymen's Association  
American Association of Nurserymen  
National Mail Order Nurserymen's Ass'n., Inc.  
Pennsylvania Christmas Tree Grower's Association

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Visit our Exhibit at the Pennsylvania Farm Show  
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, January 14 through January 18, 1957. Booth 527, Section E.

Visit us at the Ohio Forestry Association & Christmas Tree Grower's Annual Meeting, January 25 & 26. We will have a tree exhibit at the Southern Hotel, Columbus, Ohio.



## EVERGREEN SEEDLINGS AND TRANSPLANTS

			Per 100	Per 1000
<b>SCOTCH PINE - French Strain</b>				
3 yr. Seedlings	3-0	5-10"	6.00	40.00
3 yr. Seedlings (Select Grade)	3-0	8-12"	8.00	
Limit on Select Grade 300 per customer.				



SCOTCH PINE

### SCOTCH PINE - French Strain

2 yr. Seedlings	2-0	2-3"	2.50	12.50
2 yr. Seedlings	2-0	4-6"	4.50	30.00
2 yr. Seedlings (Select Grade)	2-0	4-8"	6.00	35.00
<del>Limit on Select Grade 300 per customer.</del>				

### SCOTCH PINE - Special Strain

2 yr. Seedlings	2-0	2-3"	2.50	12.50
2 yr. Seedlings	2-0	3-5"	3.50	25.00
2 yr. Seedlings	2-0	4-6"	4.50	30.00

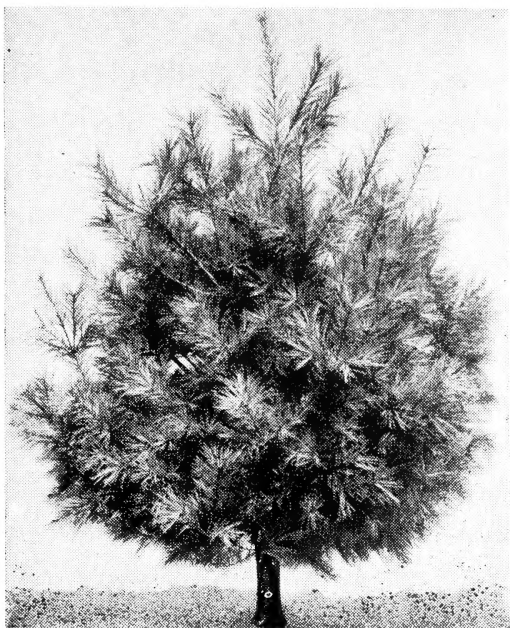
### SCOTCH PINE - Danish Strain

2 yr. Seedlings	2-0	2-3"	2.50	12.50
2 yr. Seedlings	2-0	3-5"	3.50	25.00
2 yr. Seedlings	2-0	4-6"	4.50	30.00

### SCOTCH PINE - Italian Strain

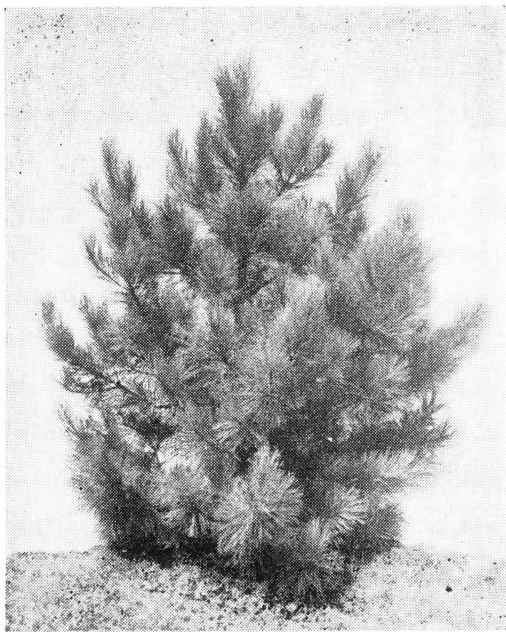
2 yr. Seedlings	2-0	2-3"	2.50	12.50
2 yr. Seedlings	2-0	3-5"	3.50	25.00

The above stock highly recommended for the growing of Christmas trees. Best Fall and Winter holding color. Also Estate and Roadside Plantings. We have never grown better Scotch Pine and invite personal inspection and comparison.



WHITE PINE

			Per 100	Per 1000
<b>WHITE PINE (Genuine)</b>				
<b>3 yr. Seedlings</b>	<b>3-0</b>	<b>3-5"</b>	<b>4.50</b>	<b>30.00</b>
<b>Highly recommended for Timber &amp; Christmas trees.</b>				



AMERICAN RED PINE

**AMERICAN RED PINE**

<b>3 yr. Seedlings</b>	<b>3-0</b>	<b>5-9"</b>	<b>5.00</b>	<b>35.00</b>
<b>Recommended for Christmas trees and timber.</b>				

			Per 100	Per 1000
<b>AMERICAN ARBORVITAE (Top Pruned)</b>				
6 yr. Transplants	3-3	10-16"	15.00	
Very popular Ornamental and for Hedges.				

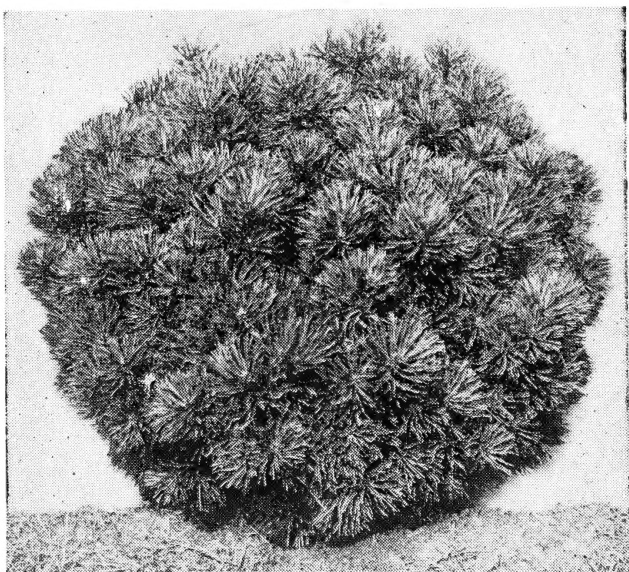


AUSTRIAN PINE

AUSTRIAN PINE - Austrian Hill Strain

3 yr. Seedlings	3-0	6-10"	5.00	35.00
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For Christmas trees and Ornamentals.



MUGHO PINE

MUGHO PINE - Extreme Dwarf - Spreading - Ornamental Compact

3 yr. Seedlings	3-0	3-5"	5.00	35.00
6 yr. Transplants	3-3	6-10"	9.00	75.00

The 6 yr. Transplants are Top pruned.

NOTE: This is a special price and sizes specified are best for lining out. Can furnish in quantity.

			Per 100	Per 1000
<b>JACK PINE -</b>				
2 yr. Seedlings	2-0	4-8"	3.50	25.00
Fast growing and Windbreaks. Soil erosion.				

**CORSICAN PINE**

3 yr. Seedlings	3-0	8-12"	10.00	
Needle color Dark Green. Suitable for Ornamental purposes. Fairly rapid grower.				

**GRIFFITHII PINE**

3 yr. Seedlings	3-0	4-8"	10.00	
Similiar to White Pine. Broad Pyramidal tree, tall; rapid grower. Fairly resistant to cold and drought. Foliage Grayish Green. Ornamental for yards and open places. Not suitable for planting around homes.				



DOUGLAS FIR

**DOUGLAS FIR** - Colorado seed origin. Excellent Ornamental and Christmas tree. Holds needles very good. Straight trunk and in high demand for Christmas trees.

5 yr. Transplants	2-3	8-12"	10.00	
Limit 50 per customer				

**BALSAM FIR** - Good Ornamental and excellent for Christmas trees. Color deep Blue-Green, narrow needles are about an inch long, and glossy on the upper side and light color on under side.

4 yr. Transplants	2-2	3-5"	7.50	55.00
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**MULTIFLORA ROSE** - Thorny upright type. For living fences and hedges. Planting instructions included with shipping notice.

1 yr. Seedlings	1-0	5-10"	4.00	30.00
Note: This stock cut back to 5-10".				



CONCOLOR WHITE FIR

Per	Per
100	1000

**CONCOLOR WHITE FIR** - Excellent Ornamental. Very beautiful. Hardy and will withstand very low and high temperature. Bluish-Green. Very popular and considered by many to compare with Taxus (Yew) for Lawn and Road Side Planting.  
 4 yr. Transplants      2-2      5-8"      15.00  
 Limit 100 per customer.



WHITE SPRUCE

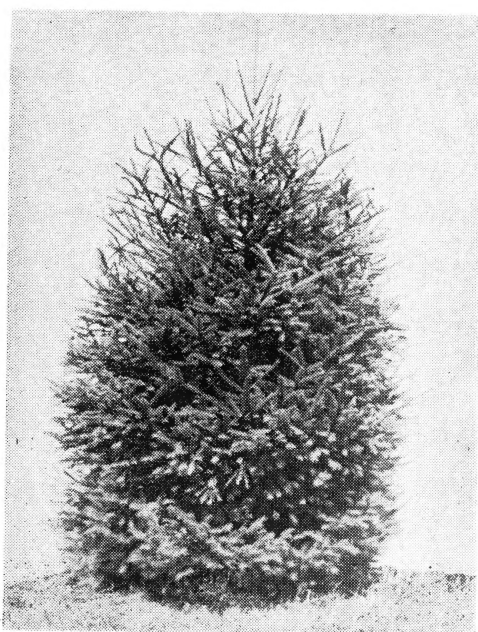
Per      Per  
100      1000

**WHITE SPRUCE** - Very compact, hardy, for Christmas trees and Ornamentals. Very good stock this year.

3 yr. Seedlings	3-0	3-6"	4.50	30.00
3 yr. Seedlings	3-0	6-12"	6.50	45.00
4 yr. Seedlings	4-0	12-15"	7.50	55.00
4 yr. Transplants	2-2	4-8"	8.00	
5 yr. Transplants	2-3	6-12"	10.00	

**BLACK HILLS SPRUCE** - Compact growth.

3 yr. Seedlings	3-0	3-6"	5.50	40.00
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NORWAY SPRUCE

**NORWAY SPRUCE** - Special Strain, fast growing, Dark Green. Straight leader. Best seed source. One of the best for Ornamentals and Christmas trees.

3 yr. Seedlings	3-0	3-5"	3.50	25.00
3 yr. Seedlings	3-0	5-10"	4.50	35.00
4 yr. Transplants	2-2	6-9"	8.00	60.00
<del>5 yr. Transplants</del>	<del>2-3</del>	<del>10-14"</del>	<del>10.00</del>	

**ENGLEMANN BLUE SPRUCE** - Percentage of blue trees greater than Colorado Blue Spruce. Slow growing. More slender tree than Colorado Blue Spruce.

3 yr. Seedlings	3-0	3-6"	6.00	45.00
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**COLORADO BLUE SPRUCE** - Blue-Green

2 yr. Seedlings	2-0	3-5"	3.50	25.00
3 yr. Seedlings	3-0	5-8"	6.50	45.00
<del>4 yr. Transplants</del>	<del>2-2</del>	<del>5-9"</del>	<del>15.00</del>	<del>125.00</del>

This species is very compact, straight stem. We have very excellent quality and invite inspection and comparison. Stock grown from best seed source obtainable. Best for Ornamental & Christmas trees.

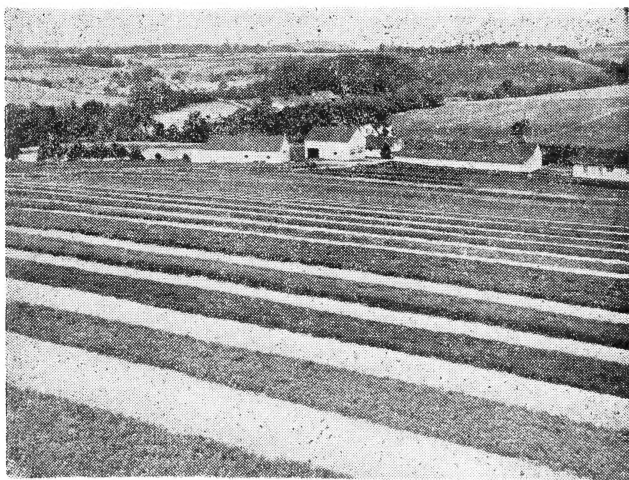


COLORADO BLUE SPRUCE

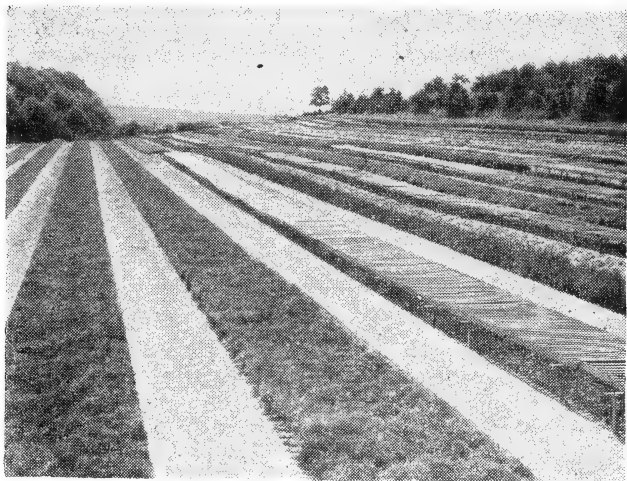
**CANADIAN HEMLOCK** - Highly Popular for use as an Ornamental. Flat needles, dark on upper side and silver green under side. Responds easily to shearing. Makes beautiful hedges and holds dark green during winter months. Extremely hardy.

4 yr. Transplants	3-1	6-12"	15.00	135.00
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The illustrations in this price list are actual photographs taken at Suncrest Nurseries of the most important species and varieties when matured.



SEEDBEDS - SECTION 8 - SUNCREST



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### EXPLANATION OF SEEDLINGS AND TRANSPLANTS

The age class of nursery stock is denoted by two or more figures. The first figure in a series of numbers always indicates the number of years that a plant has grown in a seedbed. A 2-0 plant means that the plant has grown two years in a seedbed; hence, it is a two year seedling. A 2-1 would indicate that the plant grew in a seedbed two years, was transplanted, and grew in the transplant bed one year. A 3-2-2 would indicate that the plant grew in a seedbed three years, was transplanted and grew in a transplant bed two years, was transplanted a second time and grew in that bed for two years.

### GROWING CHRISTMAS TREES PLANTING GUIDE INFORMATION

Christmas trees have decorated homes, offices, lawns, and public squares at Christmas for centuries in our country. Up until about 40 years ago all of the trees used for this purpose were cut from natural stands of trees. About four decades ago Christmas tree growing or farming was started in a small way on farms in Pennsylvania and two or three other Northeastern states. Since then this enterprise has grown to a full scale industry.

The demand for Christmas trees in Pennsylvania at present is estimated to be more than two million annually and increasing.

The grower who will produce a good grade will always find a ready market. There will come a time when poor grade trees will be difficult to sell. The estimated stock, still being imported and domestic trees being shipped from the Pacific northwest and New England (wild woods-grown) is more than 50%. The growers can get a greater percentage of this business when they grow and grade better trees. This will reduce the imports from Canada and the domestic shipment of poor grade trees. The wild grown trees are becoming more difficult to locate, and too, the cost of stumpage, labor and increasing freight rates, long distance to markets, make wild woods grown stock more difficult to sell each year.

## KINDS TO PLANT

Scotch pine is in greatest demand by most of the large eastern markets. The demand for this species is increasing in old markets and new ones are being established each year. Red Pine, Austrian Pine, White Pine, Spruce and Fir are also in demand. Local market demand, future estimates of that market and planting site quality should govern the species planted. To growers who are interested in diversified planting, we would recommend approximately the following: Scotch Pine 50%, Red Pine 10%, Austrian Pine 10%, White Pine 10%, Spruce 10% and Fir 10%.

## SIZES

We recommend 2 or 3 year seedlings on Scotch Pine. 3 year old seedlings on other varieties of pine, and 3 year seedlings or transplants on varieties of Spruce or Fir as the most satisfactory planting stock sizes from our experience for both hand and machine planting.

The cost of transplants is always higher than that of seedlings for any particular species due to the labor and other costs involved in transplants. However, transplanting permits better root development.

Length of shoot should not be the only criterion in purchasing planting stock. The shoot height should be well balanced with a root system capable of supporting the shoot.

## WHEN TO PLANT

We have learned from our own plantings over the years that Early Spring is the best time to plant. Start just as soon as possible after the ground is frost free and there is no more danger of a very heavy frost. This period usually occurs in the latter part of March or early April, and planting can be continued as long as ground and weather conditions may permit. Spring is the natural time to plant trees. We recommend fall planting only to experienced growers and where soil conditions may permit. One of the greatest troubles in fall planting is that trees do not have the roots established in the ground by the following Spring, and usually the thawing and freezing action in the soil will heave the roots out. If fall planting is preferred, September 15 to October 15 is usually the best time as the ground is tempered and has more moisture.

Spruce and Fir Seedlings and any other species or varieties other than pines should be lined out in beds and cultivated for one or two years before transplanting permanently into sod grass land. Pines in most varieties can be planted in grass sod and kept mowed if the grass is of high growth, for Christmas tree growing, mowing between the rows is only required the first to third year. Keep all brush cut out until Christmas trees have matured.

We do not recommend the planting of northern grown evergreens in the South Coastal or deep South or dry hot desert country areas of the Southwest.

Northern grown evergreens should grow satisfactory in hilly and Appalachian Mountain districts of the South.

## **CARE OF STOCK TO BE PLANTED**

Important information to remember: Remove seedlings promptly from shipping containers. Dip roots, if necessary, and heel in at once, preferably in a cool basement or ground floor of a building. Keep from sun and winds. If it is necessary to heel in near planting site, select a well shaded spot, dig a trench about 6 to 8 inches deep, V-shaped or about 45 degrees. Cover roots with damp soil and keep well watered until planting time. Caution: keep roots moist, but don't keep them flooded. Puddle trees in mud before planting. Do not let roots dry out at any time.

Set tree about the same depth that it grew at the nursery. Firm the ground around the roots.

## **PLANTING DISTANCE AND NUMBER OF TREES PER ACRE**

4 x 4 feet each way requires 2, 720 trees per acre. 5 x 5 feet each way requires 1,720. 6 x 6 feet each way requires 1,210 per acre. About 4 x 5 feet spacing each way on Spruce and Fir is best, and 5 x 6 feet spacing each way is best for varieties of pine.

If it appears that mowing or other tree care will be necessary, consider this in the spacing. Where it is possible, keep rows straight.

## **PLANTING METHODS**

Hand planting suggestion: Line out the rows with stakes at intervals. Each planter using a planting bucket with roots covered with muddy water. Use a narrow pointed spade or mattock to open hole or regular tree planting tool. Where this method is used the trees are slitted into the ground. Be sure and plant very firmly by using the heel of shoe. Each man should plant about 1,000 seedlings in an 8 hour day.

(We can furnish a heavy Special Tree Planting Tool, tool steel bit, with side bar for foot pressure, all steel, Cost \$7.50 each prepaid delivered East of Mississippi River. This same type has been in use for more than 30 years.)

On large plantings. Tree planting machines are rapidly replacing hand planting. A crew of 4 men can plant 6,000 to 10,000 in an 8 hour day. Planting machines can be contracted for doing the work at a cost of about \$15.00 to \$20.00 per 1,000 trees. Some nurserymen and individuals can be obtained in certain areas if contacted a few months in advance of required planting.

## **SUGGESTIONS AND CARE**

The planting area should not be plowed, some grass and weeds will be an advantage for the first two years after planting. If it becomes too dense and high, use power driven mower, never a hand scyth as many of the tops of the little trees will be cut off. Never use fertilizer as this would increase the growth of weeds as well as the trees. Land of average fertility is favored over rich soil. Keep all

brush cut out by going over the plantation each Spring and Fall. During the second year some growers clip off one shoot in cases where a double top develops. This can be incorporated with a brushing operation. Do not permit live stock to graze as they will do serious damage. Fire is a hazard and we suggest that roads and fire breaks be made so that fire can readily be controlled. Watch for dead shoots and defoliated branches as these are good indications of insect outbreaks. Contact a local forestry unit or your county agent for control instructions before more damage can occur.



### SHAPE TREES BY SHEARING

Experienced growers are convinced that economical production of high grade Christmas trees is impossible without shearing during development. Unless such work is done, a plantation may produce 50% or more spindling, low-quality trees.

Shearing gives best results when done in the growing season and timed carefully. For pines, the season for shearing is June 1 to 30, depending upon the development. For Spruces, Firs, and other short needled evergreens, the best period for shearing is late June to July 31. To spread the work over a longer period of time, spruce may be sheared later in the season with satisfactory results. The work should be done when new growth for the year is completed and the terminal bud is evident. Keep yearly growth cut back to not over 12 to 15 inches; this is necessary after the 3rd and 4th year on the fast growing Pines to produce a bushy tree.

Some growers cut their leaders at a 45 degree angle to increase the chances of one shoot becoming the leader. On large scale operations this is not always practical because of labor problems.

## **SELLING SUGGESTIONS**

Suggestion on selling: Never permit the buyer to select and cut trees unless the owner is with him. It is best for the grower to cut and grade his trees at a cash price agreed on. At our farms we do our own cutting, grading and help load the trucks. Retail only, some growers permit customers to select and cut their trees, but it is still best to have one of your men with the buyer. Never sell on credit. This is disastrous when selling in wholesale truck load quantities. Even some of the better buyers will make a claim on a bad year when there is an over-supply. The grower is not obliged to take the risk. The difficulty is that many buyers (wholesale) stock up too heavy. They should take the risk or buy less trees. Sell for cash or request a certified check if customer is unknown to you.

If you are not near a market then place a "FOR SALE" ad covering your trees in one of your large city papers, classified section. Run the ad about August or not later than the first of October. Carry the ad several times or until you sell available stock. Get a deposit on each sale and hold this deposit and apply on the sale of last load covering each order. We have customers located in adjoining states who are as much as 400 miles or more from our tree farms. They pick up with their own truck or have a contract trucker make the delivery.

## **INVESTMENT SUGGESTION**

SUNCREST planted trees on your idle cleared land will improve it and increase its value yearly. If planted to Scotch Pine and well managed (which requires a minimum of expense including keeping any high weeds and brush removed and necessary shearing from the fourth to sixth year), the plantation at the 7th year from planting, should have a value equal to the same acreage of second growth Yellow Poplar (tulip) and White or Yellow pine saw log timber, which requires 40 to 60 years to grow to this size.

Additional bulletins and information about Christmas tree growing can be obtained from forestry departments, county agents, college extension departments and other agencies in almost every state. We will also do our best to answer any questions that you might have on tree growing.

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## **A FEW OF THE MANY COMMENTS IN OUR FILES — UNSOLICITED**

KANSAS - March, 1956: The Pines I got from you last year are growing wonderful. Thanks to you for supplying such fine quality trees.

PENNA. - I received my order in good shape and am very satisfied with order.

MICHIGAN - April 13, 1956: We received our order from you and are very pleased. We were happy to note the good color and prospective health of all the species in our order.

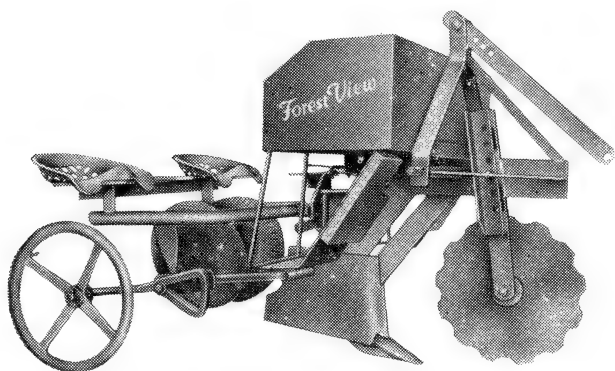
NEW JERSEY - April 24, 1956: I'm very much pleased with the quality of your stock. It arrived in wonderful shape.

PENNA. - April 19, 1956: Received the Pine trees and Spruce today and wish to state that they arrived in very good condition and they are the nicest pines and spruce I received from any nursery.

PENNA. - April 5, 1956: We received our trees in good condition and wanted to tell you that we are very pleased with them.

Available Through SUNCREST EVERGREEN  
NURSERIES At No Increase In Cost Is The

# Forest View TANDEM PLANTER



... accurate, rapid planting  
that saves time and money

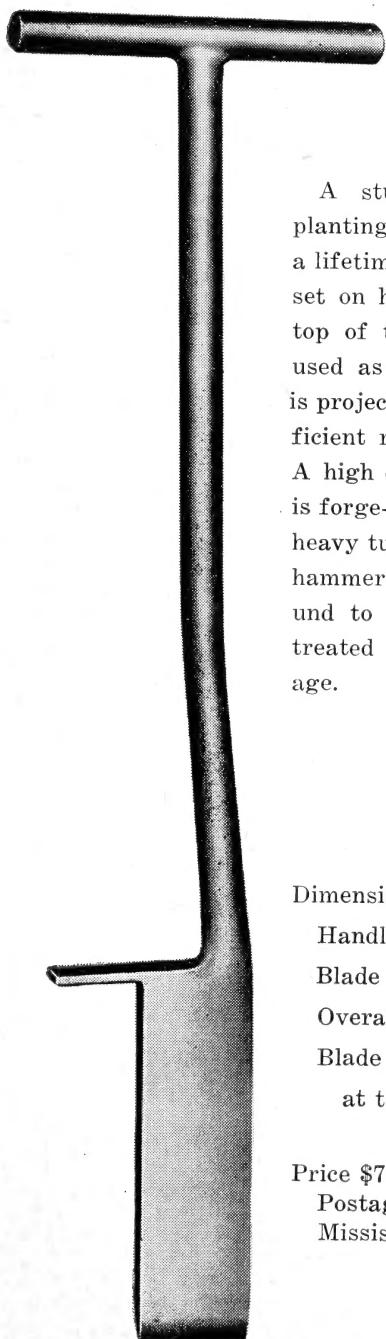
- \* Fast, easy flat-land or side-hill planting.
- \* Adjustable coultter and point for any soil.
- \* Scalloped coultter wheel cuts briars and roots.
- \* Stripper bar prevents clogging by weeds and undergrowth.
- \* Contour lever simplifies planting over rough terrain.
- \* Easily replaceable, abrasion resistant trench spreader.
- \* Special timing wheel eliminates wasteful planting.
- \* 3-point hitch for quick hook-up to most tractors.

With extra heavy-duty construction throughout - from its steel plate planting tray to the manganese steel point - The Forest View Planter is built to withstand rough, tough service with a minimum of repair or maintenance. A versatile, rugged Tree Planter for low cost, high speed planting of large areas. Ideal for use as subsoiler or scarifier.

## SPECIFICATIONS

PART	SIZE	SHIPPING WT.
Points	1 $\frac{5}{8}$ " x 6 $\frac{3}{4}$ "	
Tires	4" x 16"	
Spacing Wheels	Variable	
Coultter	18"	
PLANTER (complete)		approx. 475 lbs.
\$315.00 F. O. B. Galetton, Pa.		

# Special Tree Planting Tool



A sturdy heavy duty planting tool that will last a lifetime. There is an offset on handle so that the top of the blade may be used as a step. The step is projected to provide sufficient room for the foot. A high carbon steel blade is forge-welded to shaft of heavy tubing. The blade is hammered to shape, ground to a point and heat treated to stand hard usage.

## Dimensions of tool

Handle Length	26 in.
Blade Length	10½ in.
Overall Length	36½ in.
Blade thickness	
at top	¾ in.

Price \$7.50

Postage prepaid east of  
Mississippi River

## Terms And Ordering Information

ALL PRICES F. O. B. HOMER CITY, PA.

No order can be accepted for less than units of Fifty (50) of one variety and size (except any Prepaid Special). Fifty (50) of one kind and size sold at the 100 rate, 500 at the 1000 rate, shipped F. O. B. Homer City, Pa., by Railway Express collect. Small and medium size orders can be shipped Parcel Post collect. PLEASE DO NOT REMIT FOR SHIPPING CHARGES AS COST CANNOT BE ESTIMATED PRIOR TO DATE OF SHIPMENT. Many customers pick up their order at the nursery. The average automobile will transport 10,000 to 25,000 trees, 2 year old seedlings.

OUR LIABILITY CEASES WHEN TREES ARE DELIVERED TO CARRIER.

Note: Minimum Order \$5.00 - - Orders under \$5.00, add \$1.00 for handling charge. No C. O. D. on this size order.

Orders may be booked with one-half cash with order, balance C. O. D.

All prices are NET, no discounts for cash or quantity  
SAMPLES — Samples will be charged at the 100 rate.

SURVIVAL — We cannot guarantee survival of stock as we have no control of it after shipment is made.

HANDLING — Boxes & Sphagnum moss are taken to the field and as plants are removed from the soil, their roots are covered with moss and rushed to our controlled refrigerated storage, where plants are graded in an adjoining room where the humidity is very high.

PRICES SUBJECT TO CHANGE  
WITHOUT NOTICE

STOCK IS CAREFULLY LIFTED AND PACKED  
IN DAMP MOSS

## Shipping Season

Fall shipment will begin about September 15th and continue into November.

Spring shipment about March 15th and continue until May 15th. Southern orders can be shipped prior to this date. All stock is shipped in a dormant condition and can be safely transplanted.

Trees will be shipped as close to your requested shipping date as weather permits.

GIVE SECOND CHOICE ON LATE ORDERS.  
ORDER YOUR TREES NOW WHILE THEY ARE  
AVAILABLE

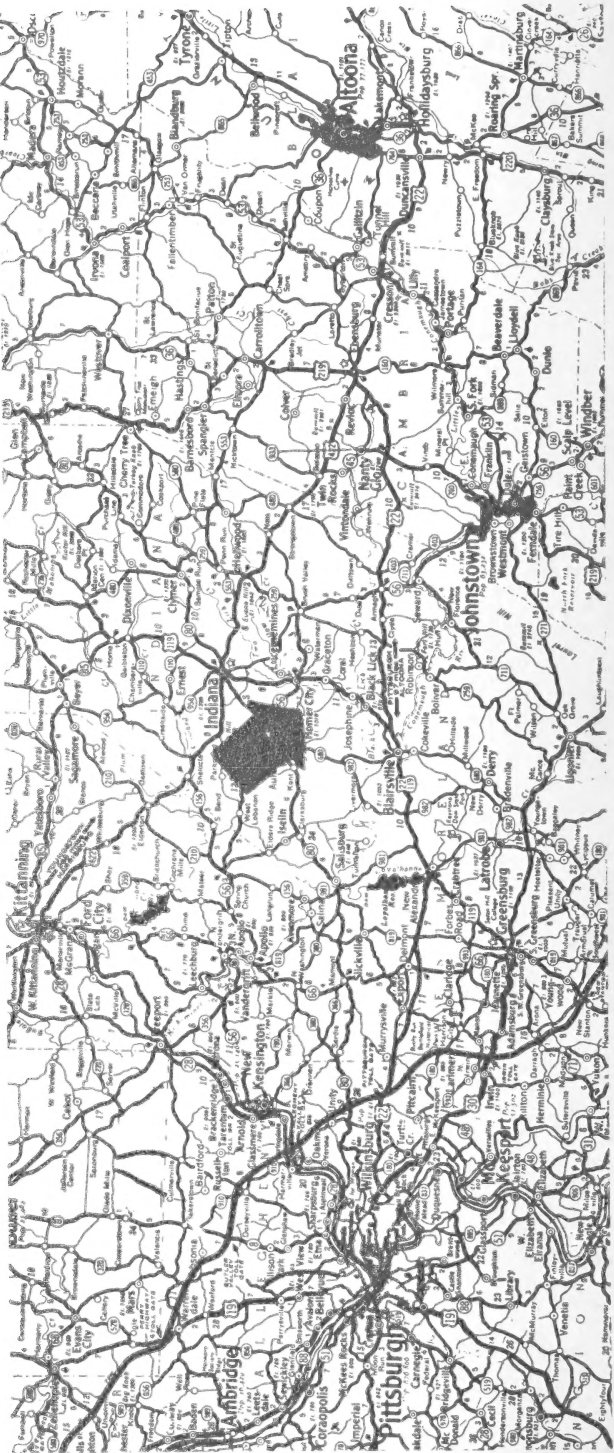
PLEASE PRINT YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS  
PLAINLY AS PRECAUTION AGAINST ERRORS  
IN SHIPPING

IF NECESSARY TO MAKE A CLAIM, THIS MUST  
BE FILED WITHIN FIVE (5) DAYS FROM  
RECEIPT OF SHIPMENT

ALL STOCK IS STATE AND FEDERAL  
INSPECTED

MAY WE SUGGEST  
THAT YOU ORDER EARLY





Homer City, Pa. is located on Highways 56 and 119

For Truck Pick-Up Inquire at Homer City

ADVISE 3 OR 4 DAYS PRIOR TO

PICK UP DATE